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SUBJECT: SHEVARDNADZE'S VISIT TO KABUL

REF: A) KABUL 0037 (NOTAL), B) FBIS LCNDON 006202ZJAN88,

C) FBIS LONDON P061647ZJAN88M

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: SHEVARDNADZE'S JUST CONCLUDED VISIT TO KABUL, ACCORDING TO PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC ACCOUNTS, WAS INTENDED IN PART TO ASSURE THAT THE RA WAS IN LINE WITH SOVIET PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING ROUND OF GENEVA PROXIMITY TALKS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, SHEVARDNADZE, IN SEVERAL PRESS INTERVIEWS, REVEALS CLEARLY SOVIET INTENT TO BIND AFGHANISTAN TO THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH A

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PLITHORA OF AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED WITH THE PUPPET RA REGIME WHICH ARE TO BE BINDING ON ANY SUCCESSOR REGIME.

END SUMMARY.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE'S PURPOSE IN VISITING KABUL (JANUARY 4-6) APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TO ASSURE THE RA IS IN LOCKSTEP WITH THE SOVIET STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT GENEVA ROUND, AND POSSIBLY BEYOND. THIS EMERGES FROM HIS DEPARTURE INTERVIEW WITH THE BAKHTAR (RA) NEWS AGENCY AND ALSO FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS AND AN MFA PROTOCOL OFFICIAL, ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 6. WHAT EMERGES EVEN MORE DISTINCTLY ARE

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THE OUTLINES OF THE SOVIET STRATEGY FOR RETAINING INFLUENCE/CONTROL IN AFGHANISTAN EVEN AFTER A PUTATIVE WITHDRAWAL.

4. AS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL, REF A, THE SOVIET UNION INTENDS TO RETAIN A MAJOR, PERHAPS DOMINANT, POSITION IN AFGHANISTAN THROUGH A WEB OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING DIRECT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SOVIET REPUBLICS AND AFGHAN PROVINCES, WHICH THE SOVIETS INTEND WILL SURVIVE THROUGH ANY TRANSITION PERIOD SO AS TO BE BINDING ON A SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT IN KABUL.

5. REPEATING SOVIET ALLEGED DESIRE THAT 1988 "BE THE LAST YEAR OF THE STAY OF SOVIET TROOPS IN (AFGHANISTAN)." SHEVARENADZE, IN HIS INTERVIEW (REF B), THEN ELABORATES EXPLICITLY THE SOVIET PLAN FOR RETAINING A ROLE, POSSIBLY A CONTROLLING ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN: "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ...THE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH THE AFGHAN LEADERSHIP ALLOWS US TO FORECAST

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THE EMERGENCE OF SOVIET-AFGHAN RELATIONS ON A NEW LEVEL, HIGHER THAN BEFORE." NOTING THAT "OUR ECONOMIC TIES ARE BEING RESTRUCTURED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TIME," SHEVARENADZE PROCEEDS TO OUTLINE A

PANOPLY OF RELATIONSHIPS NOW BEING DEVELOPED BETWEEN SOVIET AND RA ORGANIZATIONS AT THE LOCAL, PROVINCIAL, AND CENTRAL LEVELS. IN A BRIEF INTERVIEW ON SOVIET EVENING TELEVISION (REF C), HE ADDS: "THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO WITHDRAW SOVIET TROOPS, AND IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, WE, BOTH THE USSR AND AFGHANISTAN, NEED TO TAKE CARE TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND RELATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS AND BETWEEN PARTIES AND TO LAY A FIRMER FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE RELATIONS, A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS."

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